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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

REF: STATE 5669

1. WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SCHEDULE WHICH, AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT, THEY ENVISAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES FOR THEIR VISIT TO ROMANIA FEBRUARY 20-23.

FEBRUARY 20 - ARRIVAL. EMBASSY ESCORT TO MEET AT AIRPORT AND ASSIST WITH TRANSPORT TO AND INSTALLATION IN HOTEL.

FEBRUARY 21 - APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EMBASSY BRIEFING, ALLOWING TIME FOR QUESTIONS, ON CURRENT INTERNAL ROMANIAN ISSUES, E.G. STATUS OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN, ENERGY CRISIS, AVAILABILITY OF CONSUMER GOODS, FOOD PRODUCTION.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BUCHAREST REMAINDER OF THE MORNING.

IN THE AFTERNOON POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS WITH (A) FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS (B) MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS
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(ON RAILROAD AND ROAD TRANSPORT IN PARTICULAR) AND ROMANIAN

EDITORS (SUCH AS LUPU) AS EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE.
GROUP HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU AND THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT, WHILE THIS IS NOT

EXCLUDED, THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY DEPEND ON PRESIDENT'S
SCHEDULE. EVENING - DINNER AT A TYPICAL ROMANIAN
RESTAURANT.

FEBRUARY 22 - ALL DAY TRIP INTO THE CARPATHIANS. IF
WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS PERMIT POSSIBLE VISITS
TO BRASOV, PREDEAL, BRAN CASTLE AND OTHER SITES WHICH
MIGHT BE OF TOURISTIC INTEREST. GROUP WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MONASTERY. IF THIS
COULD BE ARRANGED, GROUP VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN MEETING
PROVINCIAL OR TOWN OFFICIALS.

FEBRUARY 23 - POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS OF GROUP TO VISIT ORTHODOX CHURCHES.

2. BACKGROUND MATERIAL MENTIONED REFTEL POUCHED
JANUARY 18 ADDRESSED TO CHARGE. EMBASSY ATTENTION DRAWN
TO ENCLOSED NOTE WITH DETAILS ON REQUEST FOR HOTEL ROOM
ASSIGNMENTS. STATE 7278, WHICH WAS SENT INFO, FURNISHES
BACKGROUND ON SCOPE OF AFRICAN PORTION OF TRIP.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS/CONFIRMATION
AS TO SCHEDULE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH FELLOWS IN
DEPARTMENT DURING WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 21. RUSH

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